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MacLean relocated to Washington after Campbell was elected to Congress in December. "Mary is a driven young woman with a wonderful personality. Her background, abilities, and grace make her the perfect representative for California. It is exciting to see her honored in a program that recognizes the accomplishments of talented young women," stated Campbell.

MacLean is Campbell's Executive Assistant. She previously worked on his congressional campaign and spent three years interning for him while he was a member of the California Legislature.

"It is a privilege to represent California in this program. I really appreciate the efforts of everyone at the National Conference of State Societies that work so hard to make this program happen," MacLean stated.

MacLean graduated from Vanguard in May of 2005 with a degree in History and Political Science. While at Vanguard, MacLean had an impressive academic record and was a member of several honor societies.

MacLean and nominees from several other states will participate in a number of events the week of April 3-9, 2006. Some highlights include a lunch with First Lady Laura Bush, the annual Cherry Blossom Parade, and the Cherry Blossom Ball.